

House Resolution 226

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Universal Peace Federation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it is increasingly recognized that much of the hostility and disagreement in
3 society is substantially rooted in religious intolerance and animosity; and

4 WHEREAS, there is a great need for people of faith to join together to overcome the
5 sectarian divisions that are a primary source of conflict and violence throughout the world;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, despite the distinct differences of various religious traditions, common ground
8 exists among faiths that can be the basis for mutual respect and cooperation; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans are blessed to live in a country that places high value on religious
10 tolerance, with the right to worship freely guaranteed by the First Amendment of the
11 Constitution; and

12 WHEREAS, all people share the very essence of humanity that transcends race, ethnicity,
13 and national origin, binding humankind together; and

14 WHEREAS, the United Nations was created to promote peace amongst all people of the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS, the Universal Peace Federation and its network of Ambassadors of Peace are
17 promoting interfaith cooperation and service as a starting point for genuine dialogue,
18 reconciliation, and peace building; and

19 WHEREAS, the Universal Peace Federation held a world summit which culminated on
20 January 31, 2009, with a celebration of the 90th birthday of its founder, the Reverend Dr. Sun
21 Myung Moon.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize and commend the Universal Peace Federation for its
24 work in establishing peace and reconciliation among nations and people of different faiths.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Universal Peace
27 Federation.